

## Briefly

### Blood drive

There's a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., today at the community center.

### Changes of command

The 49th Civil Engineer Squadron change of command ceremony is at 9 a.m., Wednesday at the CES parking lot.

The German Air Force Flying Training Center change of command ceremony is at 11:30 a.m., today at building 286, hanger one.

### TRICARE

TRICARE goes online Tuesday at [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com).

### Juarez travel open

Team Holloman members can now travel to Juarez, Mexico day or night.

### Ride to Work Day

National Ride to Work Day is Wednesday. The "show-n-shine" starts at 8 a.m., at the Base Theater, followed by a seminar from 9 to 11 a.m. Motorcycle Safety Foundation Range activities begin at 11 a.m., at the Desert Lanes Bowling Center. For more information call 572-3971.

### Free baseball night

Military Appreciation Night at Cohen Stadium is Thursday. The El Paso Diablos play the Tulsa Drillers at 7 p.m. Free tickets are available at the community center. Sign up at 572-7476 by Monday for free transportation.

## Airfield Bob: A legend remembered

by Airman 1st Class

Vanessa LaBoy

49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

*(Editor's note: Excerpts from a final letter written to Robert Shaeffer Jr. from retired Maj. Gen. John Miller a friend and former Holloman wing commander, 1993 to 1995 were used in this story.)*

The airfield manager that set a standard of excellence in his career field for the Air Force and became a Holloman legend passed away June 30 after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Robert V. Shaeffer Jr., known throughout the Holloman and Air Force community as "Airfield Bob," was honored in a memorial service Monday. Team Holloman took the time to reflect back and remember the life and contributions of Shaeffer.

Brig. Gen. Jim Hunt presented Barbara, Shaeffer's wife, with the Outstanding Civilian Career Service Award in recognition of Shaeffer's 11 years of civil service and distinguished duty



Photo by Staff Sgt. Alan Port

Holloman's Honor Guard performs military honors for retired Senior Master Sgt. Robert Shaeffer during a memorial service Monday. Airfield Bob served as airfield manager for Holloman for 11 years.

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## 8th FS Black Sheep reaches 1,000 hours

by Airman 1st Class

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49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

An F-117A pilot reached the 1,000-hour milestone after touching down June 11 on Holloman's runway.

Maj. Jonathan Bachman, 49th Fighter Wing Plans and Inspections

chief and 8th Fighter Squadron Black Sheep, goes down in the record book as the 14th F-117A pilot to reach 1,000 hours, according to Lt. Col. David Toomey, 8th FS commander.

"I'm proud to have flown the F-117 for over 1,000 hours," Bachman said. "It has been great being part of the development of the system,

through the various system upgrades and mods, to the extremely capable weapon system that it is today."

While this is a memorable moment for Bachman, he said, the moment that is closest to his heart is when his dad, a retired Navy officer who served in WWII, commissioned

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High: 98  
Low: 69  
TODAY



High: 100  
Low: 70  
SATURDAY



High: 99  
Low: 71  
SUNDAY



High: 99  
Low: 71  
MONDAY



Photo by Airman 1st Class Martha Whipple

**Col. Andrew Papp, 49th Operations Group commander, presents Maj. Jonathan Bachman the 1,000-flying hour patch June 11. Bachman is the 14th F-117A pilot in history to reach the milestone.**

## ***BACHMAN***

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him as a second lieutenant.

“Before that moment, I was only concerned with getting a commission so I could fly Air Force jets,” said the San Diego State University ROTC graduate. “After, I knew there was more to the job than that ... I was an officer in the U.S. Air Force, not just a pilot candidate. For some reason it changed everything.”

Not only has Bachman flown the F-111D, F-111F, F-111A, T-38 and F-117A, he’s also run airfield operations, performed operational tests and evaluations and served as an air liaison officer.

All of these jobs relate to flying, but nothing comes close to working in the cockpit, he said.

Bachman first flew the F-117A Nighthawk at Tonopah Test Range in January 1992. Shortly after completing Mission Qualification Training, he moved with what was then the

416th TFS (now the 8th FS) to Holloman in June 1992.

Throughout all the changes and moves in his career, his wife, Corrine has stayed by his side for 22 years. Daughter, Aubrey and sons, Skyler and Rayne have helped support Bachman’s Air Force career, he said.

“My family is my success,” Bachman said. “Although my Air Force career is very important to me, my family is far more important. I do what I do in a large part to provide for my family. I take much more pride in my relationships with my wife and children than my career. They have always supported “our” career in the Air Force and all the associated moves to sometimes less-than-optimum locations. But because we have each other, we still have the support we all need to have fun, make new friends and succeed wherever we go.”



performance in various assignments culminating as the airfield manager here.

Shaeffer served his country for more than 30 years, in both a blue uniform and the ever-present polo shirt he wore as the airfield manager.

As an NCO, Shaeffer served as an electronic computer and switching systems technician and as an air traffic control superintendent. After 20 years, Shaeffer retired here as a senior master sergeant and spent the next 11 years as airfield manager.

Shaeffer's vast knowledge and skill in airfield management ensured the safe and efficient operations of the busiest and most complex airfield in Air Combat Command, with over 11 million square feet of runways, taxiways, and pavement areas. He was personally responsible for the airfield modifications and construction integration that allowed the timely bed down of the F-4, F-117 and German Air Force Tornado aircraft at Holloman.

*Your personal attention to detail with the Holloman flying operation earned Holloman the Air Force's Rex Riley Transient Alert award year after year. It truly became the Bob Shaeffer Transient Alert award for excellence in customer satisfaction. The Air Force should rename this award in your honor, for you have truly written the book on how to do this right. And you worked so hard to get the funding required to upgrade those runways ...you were like the proud new papa in the hospital showing off you newborn child when we cruised up and down those two new runways inspecting the runways, barriers, lights and parking aprons. I was so proud of what you had accomplished. Only you, Bob, could have made all of that happen.*

"He was assigned to the Ops Group, but was a Civil Engineer type at heart," said Howard Moffitt, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron deputy commander. "He could talk concrete and asphalt problems as related to the airfield with the ACC airfield pavements engineer as well as anyone. We worked together on airfield construction and aircraft bed down projects. His efforts and knowledge made the civil engineer job much easier than it other wise could ever have been. Holloman will very much miss the dedication he brought to this base and his job."

According to 1st Lt. John Royal, 49th Operations Support Squadron, Shaeffer was never a behind-the-desk kind of worker. It wasn't uncommon to see Shaeffer driving around the flight line in his Jeep Cherokee when he arrived to work and then, see Airfield Bob still behind the wheel driving the flight line, when he went home.

"This airfield was his – let there be no mistake about it!" said Brig. Gen. Jim Hunt, 49th Fighter Wing commander. "Many wing commanders, operations commanders and operation support commanders may have thought they had a role in keeping things running, but it was Bob Shaeffer that made it happen out here."

Shaeffer personally briefed every airlift crew on how to taxi and takeoff from his field. He gave them vehicles or rides for food while their aircraft were being loaded or unloaded. He was among the last people to say good-bye to those deploying and among the first to say hello when they returned home.

*You were kind enough to let us transient Air Force people occasionally use (and abuse) your airfield and your friendship. And there were hardly any transient aircrews that you didn't greet personally, regardless of the time of day or night. And whenever old Holloman pilots*



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Paul Watson

## Team Holloman remembers Robert Shaeffer.

**Right: The 49th Fighter Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Jim Hunt, and Barbara and Bob Shaeffer pose in front of Air Force One during President George W. Bush's visit to Alamogordo October 2002.**

*came back for a visit, you'd park them in the DV-1 spot, even if they were just a captain! You made each and every person at Holloman feel so special. You became my friend and mentor. All I ever had to do was to say "Bob, let's ride the runways."*

Shaeffer's passion and knowledge for the airfield allowed him to help many people. In some situations, his jeep was looked upon as a white horse sent to save the day. His leadership and expertise lent to his selection as the U.S. Air Force Civilian Airfield Supervisor of the Year.

"I first met Bob in 1992, when the F-117 arrived here at Holloman," Hunt said. "Airfield Bob helped me through the wickets of orchestrating the arrival ceremony for the stealth fighter. In front of the old base operations building, Airfield Bob set this young major straight on just how the ceremony would go. Cars would park here — certainly not on his ramp — and distinguished visitors would go there. He literally made it all happen — all I could do was try to keep up with him."

According to Royal, Shaeffer was a mentor to the entire airfield operations flight. "He was the guy to go to when you wanted to vent some frustrations," Royal said. "He could definitely empathize with people on just about anything. Airfield Bob was well known throughout Holloman and the Air Force. He will be greatly missed."

*And so now, as you sit up there in the big tower in the*



*sky watching over us, we ask that you help each of us to continue to make the right decisions. Gently nudge us when we stray from the true course. And come up on Guard channel whenever we aren't listening. Bob, you were Holloman Air Force Base ... and Holloman was you. Your personal involvement in every facet of the daily life at Holloman was truly unbelievable, and the entire airfield complex and the attitude of the people were an extension of your life. Your love and dedication for your Air Force and the United States of America is what real legends are made of. Farewell for now, my good friend.*

Robert V. Shaeffer is survived by his wife of 37 years, Barbara; a son, William Robert of Boulder, Colo.; two daughters, Beth Marie Coulter and Brenda Lynn Shaeffer, both of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; a grandson, Joshua David Coulter of Murfreesboro; his mother, Cecelia Shaeffer of Millersville, Pennsylvania; and a sister, Cecilia Landis of Willow Street, Penn.





# All eyes on safety

by Airman 1st Class

**Martha Whipple**

*49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

July is designated as Eye Injury Prevention Month. While the summer months bring to light safety issues in relation to eye health, it's important to remember safety tips all year.

"Regardless of age, everyone should take special care to avoid damaging one of our most precious senses ... sight," said Capt. Erin Miller, 49th Aeromedical Dental Squadron optometrist.

According to Prevent Blindness America, both UV-A and UV-B radiation have been shown to be harmful to the eye. UV-A penetrates deep into the eye and may injure the part of the retina responsible for sight in the center field of vision. Corneal sunburn can be a result of intense exposure to UV-B.

"Individuals need to protect their eyes from UV rays," Miller said. "No one should underestimate the damage that can be done from these rays, even on overcast days."

According to Prevent Blindness America, UV rays can also contribute to the development of cataracts. Cataracts are the most prevalent age-related eye

disease in the world, and according to the World Health Organization, the leading cause of blindness.

Sunglasses, or glasses with a UV ray protective coating, should have a 99 or 100 percent UV protection and should be close-fitting to prevent rays from filtering in. Children should also wear sunglasses because they can be more prone to sun damage due to their lenses being clearer.

"Another frequent problem we see here is dry eyes due to the arid, sunny climate," Miller said. "Over the counter artificial tears can be used safely up to four times per day and can alleviate these symptoms."

Miller recommends that if dry eye symptoms persist longer than one week, seek advice from a doctor immediately.

Eye safety is also a concern in the work environment. Flying particles, dust, fumes, vapors or harmful rays can expose eyes to potential injury.

According to Prevent Blindness America, eye safety should be a concern year-round, both indoors and outdoors.

For more information on eye health and safety, visit Prevent Blindness America's website at [www.preventblindness.org](http://www.preventblindness.org).

Off we go ...



"Um, Airman Jones, maybe we need to have a little 'sit-down' about these weekend plans of yours."



# DWI Update

Days since  
last DWI  
DWIs year  
to date  
DWIs this time  
last year

4  
19  
14

Last six DWIs:  
• 49 CES July 7  
• 49 MXS June 26  
• 49 LRS June 12  
• 49 MMS June 7  
• 49 MXS May 31  
• 49 LRS\* March 2

572-RIDE works!  
*Calls MADE are  
lives SAVED.*  
Calls:  
Year to date: 301  
Last week: 16

(The DWI update and 572-RIDE reflect FY 2003. The \* denotes family member or civilian employee.)

## Holloman Chapel Services

**Weekday Masses** – 11:30 a.m.,  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and  
Friday.  
**Sunday** – Catholic Mass, 9:30 a.m.  
and 5 p.m.  
• Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.

• General Protestant Worship Service,  
11 a.m.  
• Protestant Contemporary Worship  
Service, 6:30 p.m.  
• Protestant and Catholic Religious Edu-  
cation resumes Sept. 14

Call 572-7214 for more information.

## 49th Fighter Wing Commander's Access Channel

The commander's access channel, cable channel 3, offers up-to-date information about current security conditions, closures on base, hours of various programs on base and community information about what programs and events are available at Holloman and in the local area. The commander's access channel also features the following videos today through Thursday:

- Air Force Television News: 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Return Reunion: 7 a.m., noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.



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# Holloman Hotline

572-7500



The Hotline is your direct link to the 49th Fighter Wing commander. If you've tried to solve the problem yourself and haven't been able to get results, call 572-7500 or e-mail [cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil](mailto:cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil). Leave your name and phone number so the office of primary concern can contact you. Before submitting a Hotline, please give the appropriate agencies a chance to work out the problem. If you want to pass on praise for a job well done, please

contact the supervisor or commander directly who can provide the appropriate recognition to the individual or group. The unit commanders and agency chiefs want to help. Let them try first.

**Housing Office**  
572-3981

**Housing  
Maintenance**  
572-7901

**Finance**  
572-5107

**Services**  
572-3528

**Base Exchange**  
479-6164

**Fraud, Waste  
and Abuse**  
572-3713

**Medical Clinic**  
572-5991

**Commissary**  
572-5127

## Refill please

Q:

I wanted to take exception to the new requirement at the 49th Medical Group Pharmacy concerning members' and dependents' picking up each other's prescriptions. We're required to have a photocopy of each other's military or dependant identification card with a written statement of permission to do this. I understand that the Pharmacy needs something indicating that I have permission from my wife to pick up her meds and vice versa, but there is a better way of doing this that isn't a possible threat to our personal security or even military security. Even with the photocopy and written statement there is no guarantee that it is a true permission obtained from the person.

I have been stationed at a base where the hospital had a database that such permission was indicated on the screen (and I believe printed on the pharmacy receipt) when we picked up each other's medications and presented our ID. To give that permission we only had to fill out a short form stating who could pick them up and the Pharmacy processed it.

It's bad enough if my wallet is lost or stolen that I lose my own ID, but if I keep a photocopy of my wife's card (with her Social Security number on it) in my wallet also then it is possible that someone could use the information in a identity theft scheme, victimizing both of us. We now live in a time when the scale must weigh to the side of common sense security over that of convenience. I believe the medical group should investigate the possibility of an upgrade or replacement of the Pharmacy tracking program for this reason.

A:

Thank you for the excellent suggestion. The 49th Medical Group has researched and plans to implement a database system similar to what you have suggested. The 49th Medical Group is required by a 1998 policy letter to see the front and back side of the patient's ID card and have a statement signed by the patient granting permission for another person to pick up their prescriptions. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 requires them to obtain disclosure statements from patients prior to releasing protected information, including prescriptions. Although they will still require an initial copy of the patient's ID card (front and back) along with a signed statement authorizing another person to pick up their prescription, the 49th MDG will keep the authorization on file and enter the name into a database so the person picking up the prescription doesn't have to have a copy with them.





## Summer sale

The Thrift Shop has a special summer sale from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday.

## Members first dollar day

Club members can eat breakfast at the Oasis Enlisted Club from 6 to 8 a.m., Wednesday for only a dollar.

## Summer of the airman

The Airman's Advisory Council hosts the following events:

Airman's barbecue from 2 to 8 p.m., July 19, at Steinhoff Park behind the Officers' Club. Free food and non-alcoholic drinks will be served.

Jazz night from 7 p.m. to midnight, Aug 16, at the Enlisted Club. A Cajun-style buffet will be served. A designated driver program will be available.

## Golf tournament

The Air Force Association's Annual Fran Parker Chapter golf tournament begins at 8 a.m., July 18 at the Apache Mesa Golf Course. For more information contact Capt. Amanda Redash at 572-1366.

## FSC

The Family Support Center offers the following classes and events at the FSC, building 40:

- Spouse Employment Workshop: 12:30 p.m., Monday.
- Bundles for Babies: 1 to 3 p.m., Monday.
- Three-Day Transition Assistance Program: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- Disability Transition Assistance Program: 8:30 a.m., Thursday.

For more information, contact the FSC at 572-7754 or visit the website at [wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc](http://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc).

## Holloman middle-two

The Holloman Middle Two quorum is at 1 p.m., Tuesday in the meeting room at the Oasis Enlisted Club. For more information concerning past meeting minutes, access the web page at [wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/middletwo/index.htm](http://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/middletwo/index.htm).

## Senior NCO program

The Holloman Top Three organization hosts a senior NCO enhancement and induction program July 22 to 24 at

## B On the BIG SCREEN

### *The Italian Job*

7 p.m., Today  
7 and 9 p.m., Saturday

### *Finding Nemo*

7 p.m., Sunday and Thursday

*Movies are subject to change.*

*For more information, call 572-3286.*



Photo by Tom Fuller

## I'm not grounded!

**Second Lt. Tom Johnson, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and his daughter Amanda, 10, battle in the jousting ring for higher allowance July 5. The jousting ring was one of the activities at the base's annual Independence Day and Customer Appreciation celebration at the Fitness and Sports Center.**

the community center. It's mandatory for all master sergeants who promoted this cycle to include STEP promotees from fall 2002. Uniform is any combination of blues. RSVP to first sergeants by Monday.

The induction ceremony starts at 6 p.m., July 24 at the enlisted club. RSVP by July 18.

## Summer special

The Desert Lanes Bowling Center offers bowling for \$1 per game, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Thursday and \$1.50 per game from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

## Munitions storage closing

The munitions storage area will be closed Monday to July 18 for a 100-percent inventory and leadership changeover. Only emergency requests approved by the 49th Maintenance Group commander will be honored during the inventory.

For more information call munitions operations at 572-1612 or 572-1613.

## Disney/Universal getaway

Outdoor Recreation is offering a

Disney/Universal California Getaway July 18 to 21. Cost is \$185 for adults with family rates available. Cost includes transportation and admission to Universal Studios and Disneyland.

To sign up, call Outdoor Recreation at 572-5369.

## Skills class

The Skills Development Center is offering a handmade clay flower class at 1 p.m., July 17. Cost is \$5 plus supplies for each class. Call 572-3760 to sign up at least 24 hours in advance.

## Red Cross

The Red Cross events schedule is as follows:

- Babysitting class: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Today in Alamogordo.
- Community First Aid and Safety: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday in Alamogordo.
- Babysitting Class: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., July 18 at the Holloman community center.
- Standard First Aid: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 22 at the Holloman community center.
- Community First Aid: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

July 26 at Holloman's community center.

For more information, call the Holloman Red Cross at 572-7066.

## Class change

The drivers improvement program class will be held from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., Wednesday and Thursday in room 226 in building 224, the Education Office.

## Carlsbad Caverns day trip

Outdoor Recreation is taking a day trip to Carlsbad Caverns leaving at 7 a.m., July 19.

Cost is \$20 for adults. Children rates are available. Cost includes transportation fee and admission into the caverns. Lunch will be eaten 750 feet under the earth.

For more information call Matthew Garcia at 572-5369.

## Heritage month

Native American and Indian heritage month is in November. If anyone is interested in serving on this year's committee, contact the Military Equal Opportunity Office at 572-3032.







Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

A German air force STAB/BERS defender tries to steal the ball from an German air force headquarters forward during GAF HQ 5 to 4 win in an overtime shoot out Wednesday.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Eric Sifers, 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron spikes a volleyball past 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron defenders during MMS' win Monday.

# Inside Intramurals

## Soccer

### Schedule

#### Monday

- 5: 30 p.m.: 49th MXS vs. 49th LRS
- 6: 30 p.m.: 49th SFS vs. 49th CES
- 7: 30 p.m.: 49th MMG vs. GAF STAB (Supply)

#### Wednesday

- 5: 30 p.m.: 49th CES vs. 49th LRS
- 6: 30 p.m.: 49th MXS vs. GAF STAB (Supply)
- 7: 30 p.m.: 49th SFS vs. GAF electronics Sq.

#### July 21

- 5: 30 p.m.: 49th CES vs. GAF STAB (Supply)
- 6: 30 p.m.: 49th LRS vs. GAF electronics Sq.
- 7: 30 p.m.: 49th MXS vs. 49th MMG

#### July 23

- 5: 30 p.m.: GAF electronics Sq. vs. GAF STAB (Supply)
- 6: 30 p.m.: 49th CES vs. 49th MMG
- 7: 30 p.m.: 49th LRS vs. 49th SFS

#### July 28

- 5: 30 p.m.: GAF electronics Sq. vs. 49th MMG
- 6: 30 p.m.: GAF STAB (Supply) vs. 49th SFS
- 7: 30 p.m.: 49th CES vs. 49th MXS

#### July 30

- 5: 30 p.m.: 49th LRS vs. GAF STAB (Supply)
- 6: 30 p.m.: 49th MXS vs. GAF electronics Sq.
- 7: 30 p.m.: 49th SFS vs. 49th MMG

#### Aug 4

- 5: 30 p.m.: 49th MMG vs. 49th LRS
- 6: 30 p.m.: 49th SFS vs. 49th MXS
- 7: 30 p.m.: GAF electronics Sq. vs. 49th CES

### Schedule

#### Small Unit

#### Tuesday

- 5: 30 p.m.: 4th SPCS vs. GAF 1st Line Main
- 6: 30 p.m.: HQ GAF vs. GAF 2nd Line Main
- 7: 30 p.m.: 20 FS/7 CTS vs. 49th MDG

#### July 22

- 5: 30 p.m.: GAF 2nd Line Main vs. 49th MDG
- 6: 30 p.m.: HQ GAF vs. GAF 1st Line Main
- 7: 30 p.m.: 4th SPCS vs. 20 FS/7 CTS

#### July 24

- 5: 30 p.m.: HQ GAF vs. 49th MDG
- 6: 30 p.m.: 4th SPCS vs. GAF 2nd Line Main
- 7: 30 p.m.: GAF 1st Line Main vs. 20 FS/7 CTS

#### July 29

- 5: 30 p.m.: GAF 1st Line Main vs. GAF 2nd Line Main
- 6: 30 p.m.: 49th MDG vs. 4th SPCS
- 7: 30 p.m.: HQ GAF vs. 20 FS/7 CTS

## Volleyball Schedule

#### Monday

- 5: 30 p.m.: 49th FW/MSS vs. 49th LRS B
- 6: 30 p.m.: 49th SVS vs. 4th SPCS
- 7: 30 p.m.: GAF B vs. 49th CS
- 8: 30 p.m.: 49th MOS vs. 46th TG

#### Tuesday

- 5: 30 p.m.: 49th MDG vs. 49th CES
- 6: 30 p.m.: 49th LRS vs. 49th SFS
- 7: 30 p.m.: GAF A vs. 49th MXS

#### Wednesday

- 5: 30 p.m.: 49th CS vs. 49th LRS B
- 6: 30 p.m.: 49th SVS vs. 46th TG
- 7: 30 p.m.: GAF B vs. 49th MOS
- 8: 30 p.m.: 4th SPCS vs. 49th FW/MSS

#### Thursday

- 5: 30 p.m.: 49th LRS A vs. GAF A
- 6: 30 p.m.: 49th MDG vs. 49th MXS
- 7: 30 p.m.: CES vs. 49th MMG

For more information about current or upcoming Intramural leagues, contact the sports director at the Fitness and Sports Center at 572-3256 or contact Staff. Sgt. Tommy LaBarron at 572-2525.





The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents June 30 to July 7.

**Tickets**

Security forces issued a total of 19 citations this week: one for drunken driving, one for exhibition of speed and no driver’s license, one for failure to secure a load, four for failure to stop, one for failure to use a child restraint and driving without a license, one for no safety belt, one for inattentive backing, one for no base registration, one for no insurance and no registration, one for no vehicle registration, one for parking violation, three for speeding one to 10 mph over the speed limit, one for speeding one to 10 mph over the speed limit and no insurance, and one for stopping/standing or parking in specified areas.

**Theft or damage to government and private property**

- July 2: An airman driving a private-owned vehicle backed into another airman’s POV causing minor damage.
- July 2: An NCO driving a government-owned vehicle struck a dumpster.
- July 2: An AAFES employee reported a “gas-n-go” for \$19.09 at the Shoppette.
- July 2: An AAFES employee reported a “gas-n-go” for \$10 at the Shoppette.
- July 3: An NCO driving a POV hit another POV while backing.
- July 4: An airman driving a POV backed into another airman’s POV.
- July 4: A family member reported a satellite receiver and remote control, estimated value of \$300, missing from his on-base residence.
- July 5: An airman driving a POV failed to yield at an intersection and collided with another POV.
- July 6: An airman reported his dorm room was broken into. He found expended fireworks on his carpet, damage to his bathroom and a Confederate flag stolen.
- July 6: An officer was issued a citation for failure to secure a load after the trailer he was towing detached.

- July 6: Two parked POVs sustained damage when a large tree fell on them.
- July 7: An NCO reported her camouflage camelback and wristwatch stolen.

**Patrol response**

- June 30: A family member reported a neighbor’s son had left a bong on her porch.
- July 2: A civilian reported his locker unsecure at his workplace.
- July 2: An NCO found a small smoking pipe in base housing.
- July 4: A family member reported an airman left his dog without food or water for more than 48 hours.
- July 5: A dorm resident reported loud noise coming from dorm 317.
- July 5: A small dog died of injuries from an attack by two larger dogs. The owner of the two large dogs was issued a stray animal disposition and was instructed to quarantine her dogs at her home.
- July 6: Five airmen were advised of their rights for illegal use of fireworks.
- July 6: An airman failed to report to duty and was found under the influence of alcohol as he was leaving his room to

- report to duty.
- July 6: The fire department responded to a small fire caused by a lightning strike near Saber Road.
  - July 6: An airman was advised of his rights for driving while intoxicated, after he was stopped for exhibition of speed, appeared to be intoxicated, and failed the field sobriety tests and breathalyzer test.

**Inmate confinement**

- July 3: An airman is in confinement for 100 days after being charged with Article 80, Unlawful Entry and Article 121, Larceny.
- July 6: Alamogordo Department of Public Safety arrested an NCO for criminal damage to private property and a dispute after she damaged her boyfriend’s motorcycle and house.

**Missing ID cards, vehicle decals and restricted area badges**

There were three reports of missing identification cards this week. One was active duty IDs and two were dependent IDs.





Photo by Staff Sgt. Alan Port

**Austin Harris, a 15-year-old with cerebral palsy, epilepsy and chronic pulmonary disease, gives two thumbs up for Holloman's Pilot for a Day program. Harris, with the callsign, "All That," was the first pilot for a day here. The program gives children with serious or chronic conditions the chance to be a pilot for a day. For more information about the program, call 2nd Lt. Nora Eyle at the 49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office at 572-5406.**

# Pilot for a Day takes flight

by **Laura Pellegrino**  
*Sunburst staff writer*

A 15-year-old boy strapped on his life support gear and headed for his F-117A July 2.

Austin Harris, who was born with cerebral palsy, epilepsy and chronic pulmonary disease, is the first to participate in Holloman's Pilot for a Day program. The program brings children with serious or chronic conditions to the base to experience a day in the life of a stealth fighter pilot.

Pilot for a Day started in 1994 at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, said 2nd Lt. Nora Eyle, 49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Community Relations chief.

When Lt. Col. Patrick McCrea, 9th Fighter Squadron pilot, and Maj. John Bryan, 49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs director, came to the base, they agreed the program also belonged here.

"We want to give children like Austin a special day and a break from whatever challenges they face," Eyle said.

Wednesday, Austin faced an entirely new kind of challenge. He

became a pilot fighting a threat at White Sands Missile Range.

Capt. Cameron Pringle, 9th Fighter Squadron pilot, escorted Austin to a "classified" room where a computer illustrated his mission.

On the screen, six aircraft on three different routes traveled to northern New Mexico, circled back, and came together to hit a target over the missile range. In the simulator later that day, Austin played the lead stealth.

After the mission briefing, Austin put on his flight suit, complete with name tag and patches, and experimented with different kinds of equipment, like night vision goggles. The life support team went over his checklist.

"Ear plugs?"

"Check," Austin replied.

"Harness?"

"Check."

He was escorted to his own F-117. His name and call sign, Austin "All That" Harris, were labeled on the plane's canopy.

"His track coach at school called him 'all that'," said Laura Harris, Austin's mother. "It's short

for 'all that and a bag of chips.'"

Austin sat in the plane's cockpit as Pringle answered his questions and gave him an orientation on the controls.

"I think it's great to be up here and riding an airplane," Austin said. "I'm having a good time."

Eyle said she plans to have at least one child participate per quarter. Because of privacy laws, families can't be contacted directly. Local hospitals provide volunteers and Austin's name was submitted through the Zia Therapy Center, she said.

A high level of coordination is needed to plan the day, Eyle said. Schedules need to be coordinated with security, the pilots, the child's family, and the control tower, just to name a few.

"But it's so rewarding," Eyle said. "Each guest leaves with patches, souvenirs and memories to help sustain them in the face of their personal challenges. The men and women of the 49th Fighter Wing are proud to offer this program, and greatly enjoy the company of the children who come to visit."





# ***Holloman Hero***

## **Airman 1st Class Randi Robinson**

### **49th Maintenance Squadron**

**Duty title:** F-404 Production Team Member

**Time in service:** One year and five months

**Time at Holloman:** Eleven months

**Hometown:** Midland, Mich.

**Personal and career goals:**

I am working on an associate's degree in criminal justice with future plans to earn a bachelor's degree in forensics. I want to earn a promotion to senior airman below the zone and then cross-train into Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

**Why is serving important to you?**

The Air Force has given me a brighter future through self-improvement and the opportunity to defend my country.

**What accomplishment during your Air Force career are you most proud of?**

I am proud to have been part of a team that loaded over 20,000 lbs of deploying members' luggage on an aircraft in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

**What new idea would you implement base-wide to help prevent drinking and driving?**

I would not implement any new ideas. I feel that the laws

in place at this time are sufficient if properly enforced.

**Core value portrayed: "Service before self"**

Robinson was a pivotal member behind the flight's completion of four 300-hour phase engine inspections in less than two weeks. Her efforts helped to ensure that mission capable aircraft were available to meet the 49th Fighter Wing's tasking to support Operation Enduring Freedom. Her strong sense of professionalism and work ethic were a driving force behind the flight's achieving an unparalleled level of performance. Her achievements attributed to her earning the Propulsion Flight's "Performer of the Month" award for January 2003.

Robinson's volunteer spirit was evidenced by her representation for both base and squadron organizations such as the Unit Advisory Council, Squadron Booster Club, and Airman Advisory Council. Additionally, as the Propulsion Flight's representative for the Meals on Wheels Program; her spirit of volunteerism has been contagious.

— Maj Andrew J. Landoch  
49th Maintenance Squadron commander



Photo by Airman 1st Class Martha Whipple

*The Holloman Hero submission form is now online.*

*It can be downloaded at: [https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW\\_PA/internal.html](https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html)*



# Inside Intramurals

## Softball Standings

### Monday/Wednesday

<u>Unit</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
49th LRS (A)	16	1
49th MMG	13	6
49th SF	12	7
49th MXS/AGE (A)	12	7
49th MDG	9	11
49th AMXS	9	11
49th CES	6	12
49th MXS/AMMO	2	16

### Tuesday/Thursday

<u>Unit</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
49th CS	14	3
49th SPCS	12	3
46th TG	12	3
49th SVS	13	4
49th MXS/AVIONICS	13	4
49th MXS/MAINT	5	10
49th MOS	8	9
49th SFS/ARMY	5	11
GAF	2	13
49th LRS (B)	1	13

#### Monday- Vandenberg Field

5: 30 p.m.: 49th CES vs. 49th MMG  
6: 30 p.m.: 49th MMG vs. 49th MDG  
7: 30 p.m.: 49th MXS/AMMO  
vs. 49th CES

#### Monday- Johnson Field

5: 30 p.m.: 49th MXS/AGE A  
vs. 49th AMXS  
6: 30 p.m.: 49th LRS A  
vs. 49th MXS/AMMO  
7: 30 p.m.: 49th MXS/AGE  
vs. 49th AMXS

#### Tuesday - Vandenberg Field

5: 30 p.m.: 46th TG vs. 49th MOS  
6: 30 p.m.: 46th TG vs. GAF  
7: 30 p.m.: 49th SFS/ARMY  
vs. GAF

#### Tuesday - Johnson Field

5: 30 p.m.: 49th CS vs. 49th SVS  
6: 30 p.m.: 49th SFS/ARMY  
vs. 49th CS  
7: 30 p.m.: 49th MXS/AVIONICS  
vs. 4th SPCS

#### Wednesday - Vandenberg Field

5: 30 p.m.: 49th MXS/AGE A  
vs. 49th LRS A  
6: 30 p.m.: 49th MXS/AGE A  
vs. 49th MDG  
7: 30 p.m.: 49th MDG vs. 49th LRS A

#### Wednesday - Johnson Field

5: 30 p.m.: 49th MMG vs. 49th AMXS  
6: 30 p.m.: 49th MMG vs. 49th SFS  
7: 30 p.m.: 49th SFS  
vs. 49th MXS/AMMO

For more information about current or upcoming Intramural leagues, contact the sports director at the Fitness and Sports Center at 572-3256.











